PRO FOOTBALL REFERENCE

1961 NFL Opposition & Defensive Statistics

League Champion: Green Bay Packers
AP MVP: Paul Hornung
AP Rookie of the Year: Mike Ditka
Passing Leader: Sonny Jurgensen, 3723 Yds
Rushing Leader: Jim Brown, 1408 Yds
Receiving Leader: Tommy McDonald, 1144 Yds

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Team Defense

					Tot Yds & TO					Passing							Rushing					Penalt	
Rk	Tm	G	PA	Yds	Ply	Y/P	TO	FL	1stD	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	NY/A	1stD	Att	Yds	TD	Y/A	1stD	Pen	Yds
1	New York Giants	14	220	3962	805	4.9	54	21	212	176	386	2201	21	33	5.7	110	419	1761	6	4.2	86	67	67
2	Green Bay Packers	14	223	4051	826	4.9	46	17	245	218	414	2357	13	29	5.7	117	412	1694	12	4.1	110	52	609
3	Detroit Lions	14	258	3938	797	4.9	41	12	222	203	385	2418	11	29	6.3	121	412	1520	14	3.7	89	39	38
4	St. Louis Cardinals	14	267	3986	866	4.6	44	20	215	187	389	2310	18	24	5.9	112	477	1676	9	3.5	91	59	546
5	Cleveland Browns	14	270	4131	769	5.4	38	18	243	200	358	2526	16	20	7.1	146	411	1605	16	3.9	87	38	367
6	San Francisco 49ers	14	272	4181	799	5.2	31	12	234	196	380	2480	18	19	6.5	132	419	1701	13	4.1	90	56	456
7	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	287	3909	816	4.8	45	20	218	201	420	2446	22	25	5.8	132	396	1463	11	3.7	71	57	533
8	Philadelphia Eagles	14	297	4927	857	5.7	33	16	267	224	383	2920	23	17	7.6	145	474	2007	12	4.2	116	62	684
9	Chicago Bears	14	302	4449	799	5.6	37	13	223	209	398	2797	27	24	7.0	124	401	1652	10	4.1	80	86	860
10	Baltimore Colts	14	307	3782	769	4.9	24	8	232	161	351	1913	18	16	5.5	110	418	1869	17	4.5	108	66	548
11	Los Angeles Rams	14	333	4813	836	5.8	39	16	279	184	328	2373	19	23	7.2	121	508	2440	26	4.8	136	75	662
12	Dallas Cowboys	14	380	4592	780	5.9	43	18	254	168	326	2431	21	25	7.5	120	454	2161	20	4.8	122	38	362
13	Washington Redskins	14	392	4825	821	5.9	41	15	261	238	409	3275	37	26	8.0	154	412	1550	10	3.8	94	63	603
14	Minnesota Vikings	14	407	5593	858	6.5	45	23	291	194	365	2926	21	22	8.0	132	493	2667	29	5.4	147	65	638
	Avg Team		**301.1**	**4367.1**	**814.1**	**5.4**	**40.1**	**16.4**	**242.6**	**197.1**	**378.0**	**2526.6**	**20.4**	**23.7**	**6.7**	**126.9**	**436.1**	**1840.4**	**14.6**	**4.2**	**101.9**	**58.8**	**566.1**
	League Total		**4215**	**61139**	**11398**	**5.4**	**561**	**229**	**3396**	**2759**	**5292**	**35373**	**285**	**332**	**6.7**	**1776**	**6106**	**25766**	**205**	**4.2**	**1427**	**823**	**7926**
	Avg Tm/G		**21.5**	**311.9**	**58.2**	**5.4**	**2.9**	**1.2**	**17.3**	**14.1**	**27.0**	**180.5**	**1.5**	**1.7**	**6.7**	**9.1**	**31.2**	**131.5**	**1.0**	**4.2**	**7.3**	**4.2**	**40.4**

Passing Defense

Rk	Tm	G	Cmp	Att	Cmp%	Yds	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Y/A	AY/A	Y/C	Y/G	Rate	Sk	Yds	Sk%	NY/A	ANY/A
1	Baltimore Colts	14	161	351	45.9	1913	18	5.1	16	4.6	6.6	5.6	14.4	136.6	65.9		407		5.5	4.4
2	New York Giants	14	176	386	45.6	2201	21	5.4	33	8.5	6.7	4.0	14.8	157.2	50.7		399		5.7	2.9
3	St. Louis Cardinals	14	187	389	48.1	2310	18	4.6	24	6.2	6.8	4.9	14.1	165.0	60.2		334		5.9	4.1
4	Green Bay Packers	14	218	414	52.7	2357	13	3.1	29	7.0	6.4	3.8	12.1	168.4	53.7		273		5.7	3.2
5	Los Angeles Rams	14	184	328	56.1	2373	19	5.8	23	7.0	8.1	6.1	14.4	169.5	72.5		269		7.2	5.2
6	Detroit Lions	14	203	385	52.7	2418	11	2.9	29	7.5	7.1	4.3	13.5	172.7	53.9		326		6.3	3.5
7	Dallas Cowboys	14	168	326	51.5	2431	21	6.4	25	7.7	8.1	5.9	15.7	173.6	68.2		204		7.5	5.3
8	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	201	420	47.9	2446	22	5.2	25	6.0	6.6	5.0	13.8	174.7	62.2		334		5.8	4.2
9	San Francisco 49ers	14	196	380	51.6	2480	18	4.7	19	5.0	7.6	6.3	14.7	177.1	71.5		394		6.5	5.2
10	Cleveland Browns	14	200	358	55.9	2526	16	4.5	20	5.6	7.9	6.3	14.2	180.4	73.2		305		7.1	5.4
11	Chicago Bears	14	209	398	52.5	2797	27	6.8	24	6.0	7.9	6.6	15.1	199.8	76.5		367		7.0	5.7
12	Philadelphia Eagles	14	224	383	58.5	2920	23	6.0	17	4.4	8.3	7.5	14.2	208.6	87.0		263		7.6	6.8
13	Minnesota Vikings	14	194	365	53.2	2926	21	5.8	22	6.0	8.4	6.8	15.7	209.0	75.3		125		8.0	6.5
14	Washington Redskins	14	238	409	58.2	3275	37	9.0	26	6.4	8.5	7.5	14.7	233.9	89.8		218		8.0	7.0
	Avg Team		**197.1**	**378.0**	**52.1**	**2526.6**	**20.4**	**5.4**	**23.7**	**6.3**	**6.7**	**4.9**	**12.8**	**180.5**	**68.5**		**301.3**		**6.68**	**4.9**
	League Total		**2759**	**5292**	**52.1**	**35373**	**285**	**5.4**	**332**	**6.3**	**6.7**	**4.9**	**12.8**	**180.5**	**68.5**	**0**	**4218**	**0.0**	**6.68**	**4.9**
	Avg Tm/G		**14.1**	**27.0**	**52.1**	**180.5**	**1.5**	**5.4**	**1.7**	**6.3**	**6.7**	**4.9**	**12.8**	**180.5**	**68.5**		**21.5**		**6.68**	**4.9**

Rushing Defense

Rk	Tm	G	Att	Yds	TD	Y/A	Y/G
1	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	396	1463	11	3.7	104.5
2	Detroit Lions	14	412	1520	14	3.7	108.6
3	Washington Redskins	14	412	1550	10	3.8	110.7
4	Cleveland Browns	14	411	1605	16	3.9	114.6
5	Chicago Bears	14	401	1652	10	4.1	118.0
6	St. Louis Cardinals	14	477	1676	9	3.5	119.7
7	Green Bay Packers	14	412	1694	12	4.1	121.0
8	San Francisco 49ers	14	419	1701	13	4.1	121.5
9	New York Giants	14	419	1761	6	4.2	125.8
10	Baltimore Colts	14	418	1869	17	4.5	133.5
11	Philadelphia Eagles	14	474	2007	12	4.2	143.4
12	Dallas Cowboys	14	454	2161	20	4.8	154.4
13	Los Angeles Rams	14	508	2440	26	4.8	174.3
14	Minnesota Vikings	14	493	2667	29	5.4	190.5
	Avg Team		**436.1**	**1840.4**	**14.6**	**4.2**	**131.5**
	League Total		**6106**	**25766**	**205**	**4.2**	**131.5**
	Avg Tm/G		**31.2**	**131.5**	**1.0**	**4.2**	**131.5**

Kick & Punt Returns Against

			Punt Returns				Kick Returns			
Rk	Tm	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Y/R	Rt	Yds	TD	Y/Rt
1	St. Louis Cardinals	14	54	438	1	8.1	50	1007	0	20.1
2	Green Bay Packers	14	25	313	1	12.5	69	1597	0	23.1
3	New York Giants	14	32	249	0	7.8	59	1288	0	21.8
4	San Francisco 49ers	14	32	269	1	8.4	58	1368	0	23.6
5	Philadelphia Eagles	14	31	235	1	7.6	58	1224	1	21.1
6	Los Angeles Rams	14	35	377	0	10.8	53	1380	0	26.0
7	Cleveland Browns	14	27	213	0	7.9	56	1465	1	26.2
8	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	31	250	1	8.1	50	1156	0	23.1
9	Chicago Bears	14	24	302	1	12.6	55	1219	1	22.2
10	Baltimore Colts	14	17	248	1	14.6	57	1552	0	27.2
11	Minnesota Vikings	14	23	138	0	6.0	51	1148	0	22.5
12	Detroit Lions	14	21	264	1	12.6	49	1184	2	24.2
13	Dallas Cowboys	14	17	193	0	11.4	43	978	0	22.7
14	Washington Redskins	14	30	281	1	9.4	29	666	0	23.0
	Avg Team		**28.6**	**270.3**	**0.6**	**9.5**	**52.6**	**1230.9**	**0.4**	**23.4**
	League Total		**400**	**3784**	**9**	**9.5**	**737**	**17232**	**5**	**23.4**
	Avg Tm/G		**2.0**	**19.3**	**0.0**	**9.5**	**3.8**	**87.9**	**0.0**	**23.4**

Kicking Against

			Scoring					
Rk	**Tm**	**G**	**FGA**	**FGM**	**FG%**	**XPA**	**XPM**	**XP%**
1	Washington Redskins	14	24	13	54.2%	50	49	98.0%
2	Dallas Cowboys	14	28	14	50.0%	49	44	89.8%
3	St. Louis Cardinals	14	38	19	50.0%	30	30	100.0%
4	Minnesota Vikings	14	26	15	57.7%	52	50	96.2%
5	Los Angeles Rams	14	21	6	28.6%	45	45	100.0%
6	Cleveland Browns	14	28	11	39.3%	34	33	97.1%
7	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	26	10	38.5%	37	35	94.6%
8	Detroit Lions	14	34	20	58.8%	28	28	100.0%
9	San Francisco 49ers	14	29	16	55.2%	32	32	100.0%
10	Chicago Bears	14	27	10	37.0%	39	36	92.3%
11	Philadelphia Eagles	14	24	11	45.8%	38	36	94.7%
12	Baltimore Colts	14	26	16	61.5%	37	37	100.0%
13	Green Bay Packers	14	21	13	61.9%	26	26	100.0%
14	New York Giants	14	20	5	25.0%	29	29	100.0%
	Avg Team		**26.6**	**12.8**	**48.1%**	**37.5**	**36.4**	**97.1%**
	League Total		**372**	**179**	**48.1%**	**525**	**510**	**97.1%**
	Avg Tm/G		**1.9**	**0.9**	**48.1%**	**2.7**	**2.6**	**97.1%**

Punting Against

			Punting			
Rk	**Tm**	**G**	**Pnt**	**Yds**	**Y/P**	**Blck**
1	Baltimore Colts	14	64	2650	41.4	
2	Green Bay Packers	14	49	1852	37.8	
3	Cleveland Browns	14	54	2317	42.9	
4	Philadelphia Eagles	14	64	2675	41.8	
5	Detroit Lions	14	67	2881	43.0	
6	San Francisco 49ers	14	62	2728	44.0	
7	Chicago Bears	14	66	2818	42.7	
8	Dallas Cowboys	14	43	1956	45.5	
9	Los Angeles Rams	14	51	2208	43.3	
10	Minnesota Vikings	14	46	1904	41.4	
11	New York Giants	14	83	3519	42.4	
12	Washington Redskins	14	58	2564	44.2	
13	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	86	3767	43.8	
14	St. Louis Cardinals	14	67	2814	42.0	
	Avg Team		**61.4**	**2617.3**	**42.6**	**0.4**
	League Total		**860**	**36642**	**42.6**	**6**
	Avg Tm/G		**4.4**	**186.9**	**42.6**	**0.0**

Scoring Defense

Rk	Tm	G	RshTD	RecTD	PR TD	KR TD	FblTD	IntTD	OthTD	AllTD	2PM	2PA	D2P	XPM	XPA	FGM	FGA	Sfty	Pts	Pts/G
1	New York Giants	14	6	21			1	1		29		0		29	29	5	20	1	220	15.7
2	Green Bay Packers	14	12	13	1					26		0		26	26	13	21	1	223	15.9
3	Detroit Lions	14	14	11	1	2				28		0		28	28	20	34	1	258	18.4
4	St. Louis Cardinals	14	9	18	1		2			30		0		30	30	19	38		267	19.1
5	Cleveland Browns	14	16	16		1		1		34		0		33	34	11	28		270	19.3
6	San Francisco 49ers	14	13	18	1					32		0		32	32	16	29		272	19.4
7	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	11	22	1		1	2		37		0		35	37	10	26		287	20.5
8	Philadelphia Eagles	14	12	23	1	1		1		38		0		36	38	11	24		297	21.2
9	Chicago Bears	14	10	27	1	1				39		0		36	39	10	27	1	302	21.6
10	Baltimore Colts	14	17	18	1			1		37		0		37	37	16	26		307	21.9
11	Los Angeles Rams	14	26	19						45		0		45	45	6	21		333	23.8
12	Dallas Cowboys	14	20	21			2	6		49		0		44	49	14	28		380	27.1
13	Washington Redskins	14	10	37	1			2		50		0		49	50	13	24	2	392	28.0
14	Minnesota Vikings	14	29	21				2		52		0		50	52	15	26		407	29.1
	Avg Team		**14.6**	**20.4**	**0.6**	**0.4**	**0.4**	**1.1**	**0.1**	**37.6**		**0.0**	**0.0**	**36.4**	**37.5**	**12.8**	**26.6**	**0.4**	**301.1**	**21.5**
	League Total		**205**	**285**	**9**	**5**	**5**	**16**	**1**	**526**		**0**	**0**	**510**	**525**	**179**	**372**	**6**	**4215**	**21.5**
	Avg Tm/G		**1.05**	**1.45**	**0.05**	**0.03**	**0.03**	**0.08**	**0.01**	**2.68**		**0.00**	**0.00**	**2.60**	**2.68**	**0.91**	**1.90**	**0.03**	**21.5**	

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